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## FIELD OFFICE TECHNICAL GUIDE

### CHANGE NOTICE 99

**Purpose.** To transmit technical documents to be inserted into the local FOTG.

**Effective.** This notice is effective when received.

#### Section II

**Wildlife Interpretations** - This information has been revised to correct the proper filing designation in the footer for the eFOTG.

**Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Procedures** – This new information provides guidance on determining quality criteria for wildlife species.

**Conservation Planning Considerations for Threatened and Endangered Species** - This new information provides guidance on planning for T&E species.

**Critical Habitat for the Gulf Sturgeon** – This new information is being incorporated into the FOTG to assist conservation planners to avoid impacts to the Gulf Sturgeon.

**Critical Habitat for the Piping Plover** – This information has been revised on page 1, and new maps have been included, pages, 13 and 14, which provide guidance on Florida Units 34, 35, and 36 for avoiding impacts to the Piping Plover's winter habitat.

#### Filing Instructions

##### Section II

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Wildlife Interpretations, FOTG, Section II(A)(4), pages 1-3, August 2002.	Wildlife Interpretations, FOTG, Section II(A)(7)(a), pages 1-3, June 2004 directly behind the Wildlife Interpretations tab.
----	Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Procedures, FOTG Section II(A)(7)(b), page1, June 2004 behind the Wildlife Interpretations document, page 3.
----	Conservation Planning Considerations for Threatened and Endangered Species, FOTG Section II(D)(3)(a), page 1, June 2004 behind the

	Wood Stork information sheet.
----	Critical Habitat for the Gulf Sturgeon, FOTG Section II(D)(3)(d)(vi), pages 1-11, June 2004 behind Critical Habitat for the Florida Manatee.
Critical Habitat for the Piping Plover, FOTG Section II(D)(3)(d)(viii), page 1 and 2, November 2003.	Critical Habitat for the Piping Plover, FOTG Section II(D)(3)(d)(viii), page 1 and 2, June 2004 behind Critical Habitat for the Perdido Key Beach Mouse, and insert map pages 13 & 14 after map page 12 and in front of Critical Habitat for the Silver Rice Rat, page 1.

## Section IV

**Section IV Table of Contents** – Replaces previous version.

**Forest Trails and Landings (Code 655)** - This conservation practice standard was updated to include new technology associated with implementation of this practice.

**Waste Facility Cover (Code 367)** – This conservation practice standard was updated to include several changes associated with implementation of this practice. Additional criteria for “Floating Covers” was added to require gas collection and flaring or release of biogas even when there is no intent to produce energy.

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Forest Trails and Landings, Code 655, July 2000	Forest Trails and Landings, Code 655, June 2004
Waste Facility Cover, Code 367, August 2003	Waste Facility Cover, Code 367, June 2004
Rock Barriers, Code 555, January 1981	----
Vertical Drain, Code 630, January 1981	----



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